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RE: Response to Second Office Action

This relates to Application/Control number 10/605,663, Bookstand that Folds Thin Enough to Serve as a Bookmark filed October 16, 2003, Examiner Gwendolyn Baxter.

It is in response to second office action dated December 6, 2004.

I am responding to each of the points raised in the Second Office Action. I went over these points with examiner Gwendolyn Baxter on January 4, 2005.

A - Claim Rejection – 35 USC 112

I amend the claim to read as follows to avoid the ambiguity involving the pronoun 'it':

1. A bookstand made of a thin material that when the bookstand is in expanded position supports a book at an angle conducive to viewing, and that folds flat and thin enough to be used as a bookmark.

B – Claim Rejection 35 USC 102

I agree that the claim as written is not unique compared to what is stated in the claim for US Patent 4739960. I do think, however, that my disclosure of the invention describes an invention that is unique, inventive, and patentable. I request help from this or another examiner in coming up with wording for one or more claims that will help me define the uniqueness of the invention.

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